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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: Appeals court ruling helps emergency financial manager suit, activist says

"An activist who is waging court battles against Thursday's appointment of an emergency financial manager for Detroit says a Michigan Court of Appeals opinion released today is helpful to his case.... Today, the Michigan Court of Appeals released an opinion upholding a \$332,837 judgment against former Highland Park emergency financial manager Arthur Blackwell II, who was sued by the state and the loan board in 2009 for breach of contract, conversion of funds and breach of fiduciary duty."

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Also see:

The MiLW Blog: \$333K judgment against former Highland Park EFM affirmed

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The Detroit News: Woman gets 30-90 years in West Michigan cemetery stabbing

"A woman who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the stabbing death of her boyfriend during an argument in a West Michigan cemetery has been sentenced to 30 to 90 years in prison. Thirty-four-year-old Christina Kipkorir was sentenced Thursday in Kent County Circuit Court in Grand Rapids. She faced up to life in prison after earlier entering the plea."

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Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Michigan woman gets 30-90 years in cemetery stabbing

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Detroit Free Press: Supreme Court will not be televised, justices say

"Don't look for the solemn proceedings of the U.S. Supreme Court to appear on television any time soon. Two justices reasserted their opposition Thursday, with Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy suggesting that television would introduce an 'insidious dynamic' to the court's public activities."

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Bay City Times: Midland man who killed ex-wife in traffic crash has court appeal rejected

"A Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld a jury's verdict that a Midland man caused his ex-wife's death while driving under the influence of marijuana. His defense attorney says he's disappointed with the court's decision."

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Grand Rapids Press: Video: Courtroom brawl erupts after hearing in Ottawa Hills grad slaying

"Minutes after a judge finished listening to a morning of testimony related to the homicide of Jason Cherry, a brawl broke out in a packed downtown courtroom gallery Friday, spilling out into a hallway with shoving and shouts. Court security escorted those in the seventh-floor courtroom down to the first floor and walked outside as the group left the Kent County courts building March 15. There were no injuries."

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Ludington Daily News: Sean Phillips' attorney states grounds for appeal in baby Kate case

"The appellate attorney for Sean Phillips has filed a brief with the Michigan Court of Appeals challenging Phillips' conviction on unlawful imprisonment of Katherine "Baby Kate" Phillips. According to the brief, Phillips' attorney, Valerie Newman, is appealing his conviction on three points."

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Also see:

Muskegon Chronicle: Report: Baby Kate's father, Sean Phillips, challenging his conviction with Michigan court appeal

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WOOD-TV(8)/Grand Rapids: Baby Kate's dad appealing conviction; Claims errors during trial, sentencing

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Macomb County Legal News: House OKs electronic court filing, records law

"The Michigan House recently approved and sent to the Senate legislation that would allow courts to maintain electronic records and utilize electronic court filings. The bill removes the restriction against electronic records and will allow courts to determine the best method for record-keeping and filing."

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